

Weekly Announcements

November 19

This week

Sunday, November 19 – United Methodist Student Day Offering

– Red Bird Mission Boxes Returned; General Budget Pledge Cards Returned

- 8:30AM – “Chaos or Hope and Purpose” led by Rob Gruschow
- 8:30AM – Adult Bible Study with Michelle Prok
- 8:30AM – Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM – Blended Worship Experience – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook
- 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class for Children
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour

Tuesday, November 21

- 6:30PM – Rush Hometown Team Meeting

Wednesday, November 22

- 9:00AM – Super Sale Preparation
- 11:00AM – Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service via Zoom

Thursday, November 23 – Happy Thanksgiving

- 12:30PM – Miller Family Thanksgiving

Friday, November 24

- 10:30AM – Pieters Family Life (PFL) Center and Rush UMC Coffee Shop at PFL Center until 1PM

Looking Ahead

Sunday, November 26 – Musa weNkosi Orphanage Support Sunday Offering

- 8:30AM – “Chaos or Hope and Purpose” led by Rob Gruschow
- 8:30AM – Adult Bible Study with Michelle Prok
- 8:30AM – Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM – Blended Worship Experience – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; Communion
- 9:45AM – One Room Sunday School Class for Children
- 10:45AM – Rush UMC Coffee Hour

Wednesday, November 29

- 9:00AM – Super Sale Preparation
- 9:00AM – Gentle Yoga
- 11:00AM – Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service via Zoom

- 6:00PM – Youth Group Meeting

- 6:30PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 30

- 9:00AM – December Newsletter Distribution

Friday, December 1

- 10:30AM – Pieters Family Life (PFL) Center and Rush UMC Coffee Shop at PFL Center until 1PM

Saturday, December 2

- 9:00AM – Holiday Super Sale until 3PM; Half Price Sale from 1 – 3PM

Announcements

Giving to Rush UMC

Donations can be put on the offering plates in the church lobby on Sundays, dropped off at the church office during weekday business hours or mailed to the church. Giving envelopes are available on Eagle Island. Checks and cash are welcome. Secure online gifts may be made at <https://www.rushumc.com>.

Yellow Prayer Cards

Yellow Prayer Cards are in the pew holders and on Eagle Island. These are available for you to write prayers concerns or praises on. They can be given to the usher to be included in the Pastoral Prayer or placed in the offering plate on Eagle Island.

Hearing Loop

The Hearing Loop is working! Set your hearing aids to “hearing loop mode.” If you have questions, please speak to Gary Prok.

Sunday Assistants

November 19

Greeter:

Usher: Leola Porter

Cookies: Nancy Miller, Wendy Kuhn

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

November 26

Greeter:

Usher: Leola Porter

Cookies: Barb Kingsley, Michele Cuatt

Cleanup: Don Kingsley

Welcome Pastor Meg Vosburgh

Welcome to Rush, Pastor Meg Vosburgh. Meg is filling in while Pastor Todd recovers from his injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Pastor Meg is a retired pastor in the Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church. Her husband, Dana, has been attending also. Please extend a warm welcome to Pastor Meg and Dana.

Sunday Worship Schedule

The worship schedule for the fall is as follows:

8:30AM: Adult Bible Study with Michelle Prok; “Chaos or Hope and Purpose” led by Rob Gruschow

8:30AM: Choir Rehearsal

9:30AM: Blended Worship Experience, Communion will be served on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

9:45AM: One Room Sunday School Class for children

10:45AM: Rush UMC Coffee Hour

11:00AM: Second Sunday Brunch on the second Sunday of each month

Adult Sunday School Opportunities

“Chaos or Hope and Purpose” led by Rob Gruschow at 8:30AM. This class meets in the pavilion, when the weather permits, or in the adult Sunday School room downstairs.

Bible Study led by Michelle Prok at 8:30AM. This class meets in the Large Conference Room.

Newsletter/Upper Room/Announcements

Additional Announcements, the Weekly Calendar and the current newsletter are on the website and through Rush Tidings. Copies of the current Newsletter and Upper Room are on the shelf in the vestibule. To receive Rush Tidings signup at: rushumcnews@rochester.rr.com.

Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service

All are invited to participate in the Mid-Week Prayer Service on Wednesdays at 11AM via Zoom. This is a time to gather together to learn of prayer concerns and pray for each other, our church, our neighbors, our country, and our world. Contact Pastor Todd for the zoom link.

Choir Rehearsals

Choir Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30PM and Sundays at 8:30AM in the Sanctuary. Interested in singing with the choir on Sundays or for our Christmas or Easter Cantata? You are welcome to come to either rehearsal. Christmas Cantata rehearsals start Wednesday, November 1 at the beginning of the rehearsal, we will then rehearse Sunday music. If you have any questions, please contact KelliAnne Williams, choir director, at klkw1212@gmail.com.

2024 Pledge Cards

2024 Pledge Cards are due Sunday, November 19. They can be left in the collection plate on the kiosk on Sunday morning, dropped off at or mailed to church any time during the week or sent electronically. The Stewardship Letter and extra forms are on the kiosk.

Red Bird Mission Boxes

Red Bird Mission is one of three United Methodist Missionary Conferences in the United States. It is located in Beverly, KY. There are two different styles of shoe boxes – one for children and one for adults. Plastic shoeboxes and a list of items to be put in the boxes and instructions for packing the boxes are on a table in the lobby. These need to be returned to the church by Sunday, November 19 to allow time for pickup and delivery. Donations are also needed to cover the cost of renting two trucks to deliver the boxes to Red Bird Mission.

Musa weNkosi Orphanage Offering

Next Sunday, November 26, we are supporting Musa weNkosi Orphanage in South Africa with a special offering. Donations can be put in the offering plate on Eagle Island, dropped off at or mailed to the church or sent electronically securely through the church website.

Advent Book Study

If you would like the opportunity to be part of a small group Bible book study, this may be your chance. We will be studying Adam Hamilton's book, Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist. Adam Hamilton is a best-selling author and pastor, and this study explore the Advent themes of John's life and ministry, and how John calls all followers of Jesus to prepare our hearts for his coming. Michelle Prok's Adult Sunday school class will be using the same book. A sign-up sheet will be available on a clipboard on the kiosk in the church lobby. If you are interested in learning more about this study, sign your name with your contact information, and check the time frame that would be most convenient for you. We will be looking to start the book study the week after Thanksgiving. For more information see Cindy Gray.

Holiday Super Sale

Mark your calendars and tell your family and friends the church Super Sale is coming soon! The Annual Holiday Super Sale is Saturday, December 2, 9 am-3 pm with the half-price sale beginning at 1pm. The room is full of quality used name-brand clothing and shoes for men, women, and children, as well as toys, housewares, linens, vintage items, etc. As always, this sale would not be successful without your help. A sign-up sheet is on Eagle Island in the church lobby for both working during the sale and cleaning up the room afterwards. ***The cutoff date to bring household items, toys, puzzles, books, etc. has passed.*** Please hold your items until after the sale. Clothing can continue to be put in the St. Pauly shed. Please volunteer a couple hours, whether it's during the sale or clean up after, you are helping to keep this valuable ministry alive...you may even have fun!

Annual Church Conference

The Annual Church Conference of Rush UMC is scheduled for Sunday, December 3 at 11:00AM at Rush UMC. The agenda includes: 1) Election of Church Trustees; 2) Confirmation of 2024 Pastoral Compensation Package. Members of Rush UMC are invited to attend and have the privilege of voice and vote. The forms and reports are available on the church website.

Special Music

If you are interested in providing special music during a service, please let Kellianne Williams know. We are happy to hear your gift to and from God. Klkw1212@gmail.com or (585) 507-1996.

Cookie Bakers

Cookie bakers are needed for Sundays to provide 3-4 dozen, either homemade or store bought, after the service each week. If you are not currently on the lists and would like to provide cookies, please contact Tanya Hunt, or call the church office.

Youth Group Assistance Needed

We have a small but active youth group that meets twice a month on Wednesday evenings. To stay in compliance with our Safe Sanctuary policy, two adults are required to be present. If you are available and interested, please let me know, Alethea Coulter (alethea.coulter@rushumc.org), Interim Youth Ministry Director.

Sunday school Assistance Needed

We have a one room class that meets every Sunday. In order to make that happen, we need to have 2 people in the classroom each week per our Safe Sanctuary policy. With such a wide range in ages, it is helpful to have someone available to assist with the class activities and help the younger kids to fully participate. If you are available and interested, please let me know, Alethea Coulter (alethea.coulter@rushumc.org), Children's Ministry Director

Upcoming Activities & Meetings

Sunday, December 3: First Sunday of Advent; 8:30AM: "Chaos or Hope and Purpose" led by Rob Gruschow; Adult Bible Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Blended Worship Experience – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class for Children; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** 2023 Annual Conference at Rush UMC

Monday, December 4: 12:30PM: Ladies Lunch Bunch; **7PM:** Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, December 6: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **11AM:** Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service via Zoom; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 8: 10:30AM: Pieters Family Life (PFL) Center and Rush UMC Coffee Shop at PFL Center until 1PM

Saturday, December 9: 9AM: Leatherwork Merit Badge in Woodshop; **9AM:** Advent Cantata Rehearsal; **10AM:** Holiday Hospitality Bag Assembly; **12:30PM:** Leatherwork Merit Badge

Sunday, December 10: Second Sunday of Advent; 8:30AM: "Chaos or Hope and Purpose" led by Rob Gruschow; Adult Bible Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Blended Worship Experience – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; Advent Cantata and Communion; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class for Children; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** Second Sunday Brunch

Monday, December 11: 6PM: Rush Democratic Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 13: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **11AM:** Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service via Zoom; **1PM:** Staff Meeting; **6PM:** Youth Group; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 15: 10:30AM: Pieters Family Life (PFL) Center and Rush UMC Coffee Shop at PFL Center until 1PM

Saturday, December 16: 10AM: Children's Program Rehearsal

Sunday, December 17: Third Sunday of Advent; 8:30AM: "Chaos or Hope and Purpose" led by Rob Gruschow; Adult Bible Study with Michelle Prok; Choir Rehearsal; **9:30AM:** Blended Worship Experience – In-Person and on YouTube and Facebook; Children's Christmas Program; **9:45AM:** One Room Sunday School Class for Children; **10:45AM:** Rush UMC Coffee Hour; **11AM:** 2023 Annual Conference at Rush UMC

Wednesday, December 20: 9AM: Super Sale Preparation; **9:15AM:** A Meal & More Soup Kitchen; **11AM:** Rush UMC Mid-Week Prayer Service via Zoom; **6:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 21: 5PM: Deadline for January Newsletter Articles

Advent Cantata

Come and join us for our annual celebration of the preparation of our Lord's birth in song and scripture during the 9:30 service on December 10. We will also be celebrating Communion and receiving new members. Plan to stay after the service for Second Sunday Brunch.

Children's Christmas Play

This year the children and youth will tell you the story of the birth of Christ with humor, mystery, and awe! We will perform, "The Surprising Christmas Pageant" for the congregation on December 17 during the worship service. We invite you to join us for this wonderful celebration of Jesus' birth.

First Time Here?

Welcome! Are you new or a visitor? Great! We're building back post-pandemic stronger than ever. ***You'll fit right in!*** Kindly forward us your name and contact information to our Administrative Assistant, barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org or our Pastor, toddgoddard@gmail.com, or 585.703.9235.

Baptism? Membership?

If God is calling you to explore baptism or membership, ***welcome aboard!*** To join the conversation, speak with Pastor Todd after worship.

Children!

Children and parents are encouraged to come forward and enjoy the special message and take part in Holy Communion. A quiet room for children is available for your use. Questions about all children's ministry opportunities? ask our Director of Children's Ministry, Alethea Coulter, at 585-533-9246.

We love children!

Youth!

We have a small but enthusiastic and active youth group. They are meeting off site for special summer activities. Watch the bulletin or Youth page on the website for dates and information. Any youth Grade 6 and older are welcome to come. Contact Alethea Coulter (acoulter@rochester.rr.com), Interim Youth Director with any questions.

Need Prayer?

We encourage prayers for individuals, events, thanksgiving, and witness (where you experienced the presence and power of God). Fill out a yellow prayer card at the kiosk in the lobby, speak aloud your prayer request, or forward your prayers to Barb Kingsley at barbking@rochester.rr.com

Seeking Pastor Care or Guidance?

Contact Pastor Todd at 585-703-9235 or toddgoddard@gmail.com

Jump into Missions and Outreach

We have opportunities for everyone to serve! Speak with Erma Perkins at 585-750-0136. If you would like to assist with our Super Sale, contact Cindy Raymond (585-727-8774). ***Find your niche.***

Called to Ministry?

Is God calling you into ordained ministry? How would you know? Who would you ask? To start the process of discernment, speak with pastor Todd. Call or email him at: 703-9235 or toddgoddard@gmail.com.

Worship Leaders Needed!

Read the Gospel? Speak with Alethea Coulter (585.533.9246 or acoulter@rochester.rr.com).

Sing in the choir! See Kellianne Williams (585.507.1996 or klkw1212@gmail.com)

Morning Greeter and Ushers? Sign up with Barb Kingsley at 533.2170 or barbara.kingsley@rushumc.org

Assist with Holy Communion? Contact Judy Blachowicz at jcrb@rochester.rr.com.

Join the Tech Team. Speak with Steve Williams at 585.807.3965 or williasc@gmail.com.

Communion for homebound: speak with Erma or Leon Perkins at 585.750.0136 or 585.749.2735 if you are willing to take communion to our homebound members once a month.

Weekly Financial Report

Be rooted and built up in him, be established in faith, and overflow with thanksgiving just as you were taught. Colossians 2:7

Needed weekly to meet all expenses: \$5,441.51.

Received 11/12-11/18: \$8,014.35.

Total Pledged for Capital Stewardship Fund: \$269,200.00.

Total Received for Capital Stewardship Fund: \$122,692.54. (Includes \$5,000 designated for an electric sign)

Total Spent as of November 16: \$22,716.23.

Prayer Requests

Pastor Todd, patience and strength as he continues to heal

Michele Cuatt's brother-in-law, Jeff, back surgery was successful; Michele, traveling back from Michigan

Cheryl Miller Van Son, health concerns

Alison Raoici, health concerns

Those in our congregation who are suffering with loss, illness, or deteriorating health

The United Methodist Church

The people of the Middle East—may the war stop!

PromiseLand Childcare, Children and Staff

Our Government and Cooperation!

Those recently diagnosed with Covid, RSV and the flu

The church, pray for more people come back to GOD; we all need his help!!

Those who continue to struggle with addiction.

Our Bishop, Clergy and Lay leaders.

Musa weNkosi Orphanage and Zululand Hospice in South Africa.

Our Nation and Leaders and Peace to come to our troubled land.

Family members and friends who are homebound or in senior living facilities.

Those serving in the Military: home, or abroad.

Praises

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Homebound and Ill

Ruth Baldoni, Jean and Walt Banker, Mary Anne Brice, Mary Callerame, Trudy Corio, Craig Crowell, Ernie Harrington, Louise Harris, Jim Hughes, Lynne Jacobs, Meg and Kevin Kinnally, Bessie Luft, Hubert Koloseike, Gisela Rice, Dave Smith, Betty Stover

Our Military

Phillip Banker, Jason Bello, Ryan Blood, Ben Frederick, Michael Kurvach, Steven Kurvach, Jason McKnight, Isaiah Montana, James Rice, Bryan Simpson, Matthew Simpson, Marcus Sydow

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2023 Leadership Ministry Team at Rush United Methodist Church

Please seek out Leadership Ministry Team members with any questions or concerns. Their names and email addresses/phone number are listed below.

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